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Serial No. 10/766,401)	James E. McDonough
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RECOVERY OF INTRAMINES AND TNT
FROM MIXTURES THEREOF

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Restriction/Election Requirement dated June 22, 2007. The Examiner contends that the present application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

I. Claims 1-12, drawn to a process for recovering the components of a munition, classified in class 149, subclass 109.6.

II. Claims 13-19, drawn to a process for separating nitramines from TNT, classified in class 588, subclass 313. (Although the examiner indicated claims 12-19 for Group II claims, applicants assume the examiner meant claims 13-19.)

Applicants elect, with traverse, Claims 1-12 drawn to a process for recovering the components of a munition, classified in class 149, subclass 109.6.

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Although applicants do not believe an election of species is appropriate for the type of process claims in this application, they never-the-less will elect an embodiment wherein the abrasive particles have magnetic properties.

Applicants thereby authorize the Examiner to cancel claims 13-19.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required (including the fee for any extension of time) or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 110245.

Respectfully submitted,

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